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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☒ Other: Assignment records

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman in view of Green.

Goodman (cited by Applicant) discloses a non-rotating wheel cover comprising an inner member 60 (figure 13) having a support bearing member and apertures which receive the lug bolts **S**. The inner member is held to the wheel by the lug nuts **L**. The cover further includes a circular cover, an elongated cylindrical locking member, a cam member connected to the end of the locking member, and a counterweight attached to the cover. The lug bolts **L** are not elongated and do not include threaded lug portions for receiving a second lug nut.

Green teaches a wheel cover which is attached to the wheel through the use of a plurality of elongated lug nuts 19, which may include a lug portion 47 to receive a second lug nut 35 which secures the cover 17 to the wheel. See figure 4.

From this teaching it would have been obvious to provide the cover assembly of Goodman with elongated first lug bolts having threaded lug portions, and second lug nuts for securing the cover thereto as this arrangement would allow a wheel cover to be attached to deep dish wheel in which the original lug nuts are too short.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references show other wheel covers.

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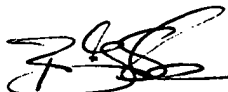
3. For Applicant's convenience, copies of the current assignments of the instant applicant and the Goodman patent are enclosed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell D. Stormer whose telephone number is (703) 308-3768. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joe Morano can be reached on (703) 308-0230. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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